

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims, without prejudice, in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device for massaging the anatomy of a body part, said device comprising:

a garment configured for wear by a user, the garment having a front portion and a back portion, with the back portion configured to be aligned with a user's back when the garment is worn;

a plurality of various therapeutic massage tools;

a plurality of horizontal compartments or channels located in the back portion of the garment, the plurality of horizontal components or channels extending from the top to the bottom of the back of said garment and spanning substantially across the back of the user when worn, the horizontal compartments open across their entire length, wherein one of said various therapeutic massage tools is placed within a selected horizontal compartment and is slidable across the entire length of the compartment; and

interior pockets located in the front interior of said garment.

2. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said therapeutic massage tools may be stored in the interior pockets located in the front of said garment.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said therapeutic massage tools may be

various shapes, sizes and consistencies.

4. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said therapeutic massage tools may be hollow balls with varying sizes and consistencies.

5. (Currently Amended) A massage therapy garment for use by a user to provide massage treatment to localized soreness and stiffness at an identified area of the user's body, the garment comprising:

a garment body configured to be worn by the user and configured to cover portions of the user's body including the identified area;

a plurality of therapeutic massage tools capable of providing localized massage therapy;

a plurality of adjacent and substantially horizontal chambers formed by layers of the garment body and a plurality of associated seams, each chamber configured to house at least one of said therapeutic massage tools, the plurality of chambers covering a majority of the user's body to allow for selective placement of the at least one massage tool at the identified area of the user's body by movement along an open interior of the chamber or placement in an adjacent chamber, the selective placement to allow for massaging of the identified area when pressure is applied by the user to the exterior of the garment body; and

a storage compartment attached to the garment body for storing the at least one therapeutic massage tool when not in use.

6. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the garment is a vest.

7. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the garment is a jacket.
8. (Previously Amended) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the therapeutic massage tool is a compressible ball.
9. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 8 wherein the compressible ball is a racquetball.
10. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 8 wherein the compressible ball is a tennis ball.
11. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the channels are formed from a first garment layer and a second garment layer which are joined to one-another with a plurality of parallel seams.
12. (Previously Amended) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the therapeutic massage tool is a solid ball.
13. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the identified location is in the user's back.

14. (Original) The massage therapy device of claim 5 wherein the identified location is in the user's lower neck.

15. (Currently Amended) A massage therapy device for providing massage treatment to localized soreness and stiffness at identified areas of the user's body, the massage therapy device comprising:

a garment for wearing by the user, wherein the garment is configured to cover the identified area;

at least one therapeutic massaging means;

a plurality of housing means ~~attached to~~ incorporated into the garment for holding said at least one therapeutic massaging means, wherein the plurality of housing means cover a ~~majority~~ portion of the user's body adjacent the identified area so as to allow the user to selectively position the said at least one therapeutic massaging means adjacent the identified area and to allow repositioning of the at least one therapeutic massaging means by easy movement in the housing means; and

a storage means for storing the at least one massage tool when not in use.

16. (Previously Presented) The massage therapy means of claim 15 wherein the plurality of housing means include a plurality of adjacent and substantially horizontal chambers formed by layers of the garment means.

17. (Previously Amended) The massage therapy means of claim 15 wherein the therapeutic massaging means is compressible ball.

18. (Previously Amended) The massage therapy means of claim 15 wherein the therapeutic massaging means is a solid ball.

19. (Previously Presented) The massage therapy means of claim 15 wherein in the storage means is attached to a front interior of the garment.

20. (Previously Presented) The massage therapy means of claim 15 wherein the identified area of the user's body is the user's back or the user's lower neck.